

# Clarke Historical Library E-Newsletter

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## Welcome to the Spring Semester 2013

Classes are back in session at Central Michigan University and the Clarke Historical Library is gearing up for some exciting events over the next few months.

## New Exhibit about the History of Dow in Mount Pleasant

Our next exhibit, *Drilling for Brine: The Dow Chemical Company in Mount Pleasant, 1903-30*, will be installed and ready for viewing in the second week of February. CMU's former Dean of the College of Science and Technology, Dr. Robert Kohrman, has curated this exploration of the beginnings of the Dow Chemical Company and the impact that its presence had on the growth of Mount Pleasant. On March 13, at 7 pm in the Park Library Auditorium, Dr. Kohrman will discuss his research and the history of the Dow brine drilling and chemical operations in Mount Pleasant as part of the formal opening of the exhibit. A reception in the Clarke Historical Library will follow this presentation. This exhibit will be available for viewing through the end of the Spring Semester.

## Spring 2013 Clarke Historical Library Speaker Series

In addition to Professor Robert Kohrman's comments about the *Drilling for Brine* exhibit, the Clarke has invited three distinguished guests to speak about various topics:

On March 25, Mike Grass, the producer of a documentary about the life of U.S. Senator Arthur Vandenberg, and his principal historical consultants, Hank Meijer and Gleaves Whitney, will discuss Grass's film after a showing in the Park Library Auditorium.

On April 3, award-winning author Gloria Whelan, who has written more than 50 books in her career, will reflect on her experience as an author, as well as discuss her most recent publication project.

On April 10, producer Dr. David Schock will premiere his documentary film about a Native American unit in the Civil War. Co. K, First Michigan Sharpshooters was made up largely of Native Americans from Michigan's Little Traverse Bay. The video will be followed by discussion with Dr. Schock. This presentation is made possible, in part, by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council.

All presentations are open to the public and begin at 7:00 pm in the Park Library Auditorium, followed by a reception in the Clarke Historical Library

## New Website Coming Soon

The CMU Libraries have recently moved to a new website - it is still the same address, but with a whole new look. The Clarke will be following suit in the coming weeks. Look out for the new site [www.clarke.cmich.edu](http://www.clarke.cmich.edu)

## The Entire Run of CMU Student Newspaper Available Online

Recently, the preservation microfilming unit of the Clarke Historical Library completed the digitization of the entire run of Central's student newspaper, *Central Normal Life* (1919-1927), *Central State Life* (1927-41), and *Central Michigan Life* (1941-98). Now, one of the best sources of CMU history is available to you at the click of a mouse. You can find all of the digitized issues available via the [CMU Online Digital Object Repository \(CONDOR\)](#).

## New Acquisitions Featured On Our Blog

The Clarke is always expanding our holdings and recently, some of the more notable acquisitions have been featured on our blog. Read more about the donation of a [genuine U. S. Presidential autograph](#) or the acquisition of a [hard-to-find Arthur Rackham illustrated book](#) on our blog. And stay up to date with all of the happenings at the Clarke via the *Clarke Historical Library News and Notes* blog - [www.clarkehistoricallibrary.org](http://www.clarkehistoricallibrary.org).

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